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### Abolish the Grade Crossings!

N the Council Committee on Streets appears a renewed determination that the grade crossings of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad on Broad and Helvidere Streets shall disappear, and that some modern and civilized scheme of entrance into the city shall be substituted. The determination is wholly commendable.

The public, which has been a patient but continuous sufferer from these grade crossings, will hope that the councilmanic backbone, as it is displayed in this emergency shall prove to be of the rigid and nonflexible variety, and that the Council itself will not become hypnotized by the display of drawings of million-dollar union stations or similar works of the artistic imagination.

Grade crossings such as afflict Richmond are relics of barbarism---wholly without warrant or excuse. They should not be tolerated

### Are "Store Dimples" Reprehensible?

CHARGES that a candidate for president of the Michigan State Federation of Woman's Clubs wore "store dimples," which the charges, not the dimples-were made at the recent meeting at Adrian, resulted in the candidate's retirement from the contest, in a fit of hysterics that lasted an hour, and in such general excitement that the federation has not yet recovered its accustomed serenity and poise.

The lady with the dimples, whether natural or acquired certainly The Times-Dispatch saith not, was Mrs. Anna Caulfield McKnight, the genuineness of any feminine charm.

But why shouldn't a "store dimple" be all right? Any sort of dimple brightens the human countenance, and so adds to the joy of the social circle in which it operates. Why should there be discrimination against tor's wondrous art?

### The Skidder

O NE of the weekly humorous publications event is not notable. In fact, it is conspicuous. The young lady, describing her nonproposing steady company, explained that "Charlie seems to start easy, and he speeds up well, but just at the critical moment he

The skidder is one of the commonest types of men these days-yes, and in other days. A sample skidder is the young man who, bursting out of college with knowledge at his finger tips and consumed by an insatiable desire to conquer the world, plunges into its complex affairs. His invost soul is, of course, set on being president of you company. He gets just as far as understudy to the subsecretary to the fourth vice-president, then suddenly skids into a stenographer's chair and stays there.

skidder, the community boosting skidderthat the speedlest resolution for great events skids into a dead inaction nine times out of ten, and generally ten times? The political skidder is the skidder beheaded, and, with all his fine language, his town-pump gesticulations, his red-faced protestations and his promises of county bridges and cloakroom jobs, he puts on high speed and gets in the middle of a fine highway of performances. Then something happens to his left fore tire, and we find him warming a chair in an obscure committee, waiting patiently from session to session for a mythical quorum.

Oh, the skidder is an institution. There never knows he has skidded.

# Putting the Banking System to Work

November 16 will meet Richmond's approval. | fire of youth still fills her veins. Directors of the regional reserve bank for this district have been in favor of the date vinced that opening at the earliest possible aided a Democratic President. The G. O. P. of the financial situation the South faces,

When directors of the regional reserve banks met recently in Washington and voted to recommend to Secretary McAdoo that he from the larger cities, New York and Chicago terest us for a little less than two years. principally, that decided the issue. Southern and Western men were for the earlier date, and the secretary, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, has taken the advice of the minority rather than of the majority.

It is announced that \$400,000,000 in government funds will be deposited in the reopening for business. This money the re- of New York,

The Times-Dispatch | gional banks will lend in turn to national banks and to State banks and trust companies that may become members of the Federal reserve system. In this way it will become available for the relief of the cotton growers and other interests whose distressed .1859 financial condition demands immediate, at tention.

That leadership in these plans of financial relief should have been assumed by the Fed-Publication Office......... 16 South Teuth Street eral Reserve Board is one of the most signifitrance into the banking field. Heretofore, there has been no leadership of this description. No officer of the government was in a New York 200 Fifth Avenue
Philadelphin Mutual Life Building position to assume it, and in financial crises bankers usually were too busy with their own affairs. The Federal reserve system supplies power and authority and assures public respect and confidence. The board shows that it possesses and will exercise a wise initiative.

### Concerning Sales to Belligerents

country to the nations at war principally Entered January 27, 1905, at Richmond, Va., as have come. Comes now a voice from Canada, second-class matter under act of Congress of to declare that American sympathy with the allies should reveal itself in a refusal to trade with any of the allies' foes. The latter contention is as foolish as its predecessors.

The Times-Dispatch has pointed out before that for the United States to neglect its opportunities to do any legitimate business. whether in contraband or noncontraband. with the warring powers would be a gross and inexcusable neglect of its legitimate interests. This, country was not consulted about the declaration of war and is not responsible for it. Moreover, it is a great and substantial, though wholly innocent, sufferer from the war's continuance, an entire section being prostrated by the depression in the cotton market. Under international law, and in morals as well, we have a right to sell our goods to any nation in a position to receive and pay for them. Of course, that means Germany and Austria, just as much as it means Britain, France and Russia.

The Montreal Star thinks otherwise, how-

It does seem to us, however, that, American sympathy being where it is, and American interest lying where it does, American authority might be employed to prevent individual American citizens from lining their individual pockets by strengthenng the defense of these very imperial and "blood and iron" forces which the whole American people heartly desires to see beaten. . . Why cannot our neighbors say: "It is to the vital interest of the American people to have this war stop: hence we will make it illegal for American citizens to help feed the flamess."

There is no merit in this appeal. Should the United States make the distinction urged. it would be guilty of a violation of the neutrality the President has proclaimed. We are selling everything from socks to machine be no reason why we should not make a customer of Germany.

We must sell abroad and sell largely and profitably, if we are to recover from our own financial depression. Whether what we sell to a belligerent prolongs the war or shortens it, is not our problem or our responsibility. on every stricken field, but our first duty, a is not parliamentary to cast reflections on duty not to be shirked or evaded, is to our-

### Unscrambling Babylon

HOLY writ records the confusion of tongues at Babylon, by which the world has this modern masterpiece of the beauty doc- | been accustomed to account for the many languages of people over the earth. Whether that be apocryphal, it is a very pretty story. and the fact that the European war is "unscrambling? Babylon is interesting at this prints a joke that has something good time. Mrs. Creed, an English novelist, was That doesn't happen so often that the in Antwerp during the first few days of Ger-

It is remarkable that people who are onsidered of various nationalities have been able since the first day of occupation to, speak German with fluency. . . . Nearly all the many tongues fashioned themselves ready to one language, to express their needs.

It may be a far cry to the possibility of a universal tongue through war, all such for them to make themselves understood, the cry does not seem so far, nor the possibility so remote.

The commercial skidder, the advertising harm, at least. Supposing the allies in the Permit a little dream, which will do no they're all fine types. Who hasn't observed end win this great battle, and, through force of circumstances, all persons must speak English. Then, supposing the face of Europe changed into a union of states, and English gradually becoming the universal language. Why not? It is a language now spoken by many in every country on earth, and, reserving French for diplomatic intercourse and Latin for the church, why shouldn't English be the medium for unscrambling Baby-Verily, it is a sweet dream-a pleasant lon? thought-and, as we have said, it does no harm to dream pleasantly.

In his recent trip through Pennsylvania, is one in your office—you who read this; and son had difficulty in repulsing the crowds that perhaps at this very moment he is sitting in wanted to climb aboard his train and wish the same chair you are occupying. If he is, him well. In other parts of the country not you won't recognize the description, for a yet visited by the President, the crowds are distinctive trait of the skidder is that he contenting themselves with climbing aboard the band wagon.

Adelina Patti, as the central figure in a A NNOUNCEMENT by Secretarry of the great patriotic demonstration in London and Treasury McAdoo that the Federal re- bied thousands makes a gallant appearance. singing "Home, Sweet Home" to the assemserve bank system will begin operations on The diva is seventy-two, but apparently the

Republicans are still angry that Democratic that has now received official sanction, con- Congressmen should claim credit for having moment was necessary to a proper handling appears to be getting around to the theory that Wilson is such a fine executive that no party has any special claim to him.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that rates on whiskey from Cincinnati defer the operation of the system until De- to Virginia cities are unreasonable, and orcember 1, it was the ballots of the directors dered that they be reduced. This will in-

> Villa and Carranza appear to be at again. This country's principal interest in their conflict is that they will settle it one way or another and give Mexico a chance

Snow has failen at Chicago, thus evidencing gional reserve banks immediately on their the Windy City's determination to keep ahead

## SONGS AND SAWS

We men have had our joke of yore
Concerning hats that women wore—
We've had our fill of laughing—
But hats for men, as shown this year,
Give women, it is very clear,
A rare excuse for chaffing.

In every street, on every side, Wherever men hop, prance or glide,
Are hats of wondrous hue;
And some are mauve and some are green,
And some are almost pink, I ween,
While some display the peacock's sheen, But the worst of all are blue.

These rounded, baggy, pudding shapes That make their wearers look like apes Our Algies all are showing; Twould not be quite so bad if they Would choose a pudding black or gray, Instead of colors flowing.

There was a street cleaner in front of my house this morning, who said he was coming around next week to remove some of the dirt from the payemen —but as he spoke it seemed to me he winked the other eve.

backs I expect to rush up on the front porch.

Grubbs-Have you moved into your new house yet?
Stubbs-Not quite. I've got as far as the



The enemy made a noisy, but ineffective, attack on our flank. By the exercise of rare skill and wonderful

Bliss Unalloyed. His Unalloyed.

He—What is your idea of perfect happiness?

She—A ball at which I am the prettiest, the best dressed and the most popular girl, and where the other girls are so green with envy that they begin to look like the background of the floral decorations.

Not Always.

There may be something in this talk
About the best man always winning,
But those who've loved and had to walk
Away and leave a rival chinning
Will not believe that it is true In matters of the heart. Do you:

## THE TATTLER. Chats With Virginia Editors

Reviewing recent events in the European was zone, the Hanover Herald says: "Germany's colonial empire is five times as large as Germany proper, and she is in danger of losing it British colonial forces are endeavoring to make conquests of it. The French navy is taking a part." The Herald's war critic seems to have anticipated the finish, but he neglects to inform us what part the French navy has se-

"We note that Brother Wayside, of the Tee-Dee has changed his name to Brother Chats, This does not displease us, as we may some day immortalize him in verse; and there guns to the allies, and certainly there can ever so many more rhymes to chats than there are to wayside," says the Halifax Gazette.

Under the caption, "The Devil and Us," Editor Potter writes in his North Emporia Indeof Grand Rapids; the lady of the allegation was Mrs. Anna Fox, of Detroit, who, as State nation heats in sympathy with every sufferer us. Things are moying his way across the pendent: "The devil has kicked up a peach of a row in Europe, and now he has designs upon us. Things are moving his way across the pond, but he is not satisfied with the attitude of you and the rest of us. He wants to see more brimstope. He wants things to happen here in America. He whispers in our ears that the Germans are friends, and the English pigs and the French rascals. Shall we cast the devil adrift?" It is difficult, of course, to comprehend the true inwardness of the situation described. But your duty is plain, Prother Potter. Cast him adrift, east him adrift!

Manager Charlie Briggs, of the Bijou Theatre.

sin wardsome of the situation described. But your least find made there between class that the process of the filton Treating of the filton and the process of the filton the state of the movements through educational channels Fining a manager for catering to what a de-having failed. If it is true that men unfamiliar with the tongue had no difficulty in mand is like trying to cure the war in Europe mastering German, when it became necessary with a popula." From which we are led to

Railroad ing operated by the Interstate Run by Commerce Commission, smells as high to heaven as had been an-Financiers

Financiers and the state of the government probes of the more audacious operations of big business or high finance. It had to be undertaken to cleanse some of the dirtiest financial linen of the period of corporate pyramiding and water-logging of a decade or more ago. From what had been revealed, on which the hose of what had been revealed, on which the hose of public investigation and purification is now playing, little remains for the imagination. Rich men bought a big, sound railway, which had \$75,000,000 of capital; pyramided it to nearly five times that through double-headed holding companies; splurged with its credit and resources in securities of other railroads at enormous losses, and finally wrecked the original property in the orgy of exploitation. The whole performance is a type of what it ought to have been criminal to do.—Newark

careful in making arrests on the high seas when the American flag is involved. In such a world-shaking conflict as the present, with its immense stakes and consequences, it is not unnatural that the belligerents, in the intensity of the struggle, should occasionally overstep the limits of international law and encroach upon neutral rights. Questions of this kind have arisen in almost every great European war, and it would be surprising if they did not arise now. It is not to be assumed that Great Britain or any other country would deliberately undertake to drive our commerce off the ocean, or even to see how far we would submit to unjust exactions. Even if there were no other reason for their observance of our neutrality, none of the belligerents can afford to provoke us to wrath. They all desire our good will, and they will all do their best not to lose it. We shall not, of course, permit any of them to us to wrath. They all desire our good will, and they will all do their best not to lose it. 'We shall not, of course, permit any of them to violate or ignore our clear rights, but we may be very sure that none of them will intentionally do so. With regard to this, as with regard to all other subjects connected with the war, it is all-important that we should keep our temper and make fair allowance for the extraordinary conditions which prevail.—Baltimore Sun.

### War News Fifty Years Ago (From the Richmond Dispatch, Oct. 27, 1864.)

The Confederate batteries down the river contime to hammer away at Butler's workmen and canal diggers at Dutch Gap. The shelling is kept up with very little intermission. Deis kept up with very little intermission. Deserters who come into our lines say the Confederate shells are very destructive to the lives and limbs of the Federal and negro workmen there, and materially retard their operations. The only reason we know of for doubting the effectiveness of the fire is this story of the deserters, who are liars all.

of rare skill and wonderful horsemanship the cavalry succeeded in maintaining its position, although at times widely separated from its proper base.

The Confederate and Federal armies on the north side of James River are still strengthening their respective earthworks, but that is about all they are doing, and there are no signs of an early engagement of any proportions.

On the south side of the James there is ar On the south side of the James there is an incessant, ceaseless war of pickets and sharp-shooters, varied at times, though not relieved, by an interchange of cannon shots. At many points on the lines a man cannot show his nose above the intrenchments without instantly becoming a target for a dozen or more rifles. And then there is the frequent cannonading. So, to be in the trenches now is the same as being in constant battle. It cannot be said, therefore, that "all is quiet on the front." Far from it.

There can no longer be any doubt of the fact

There can no longer be any doubt of the fact that the Federals are preparing for an attack on Wilmington, N. C. Fleets for this purpose are being assembled at Beaufort, N. C., and Fortress Monroe, and for the same purpose troops are being mustered at various points. However, November is mearly here, and the destructive storms on the Carolina coast will soon be due.

General Hood is now at Dalton, or near there, and is also holding Tunnel Hill. Should be blow up the long tunnel, Sherman would be entirely cut off from his supplies, and would probably have to retreat from Georgia.

Sheridan is reported to be moving again owards Winchester, his lines of communication and his supply route being seriously endangered. Northern papers now report that Early lost in all forty-two pieces of artillery in the affair at Cedar Creek and Strasburg.

Nearly all of the Federal troops have been withdrawn from Florida, and that State Is enjoying a quiet it has not known for a long

The New York Herald expresses the opinion that Grant can take Richmond at any time by a few hours, or perhaps two days, of hard and bloody fighting, and the reason he does not do it is that he thinks by holding on buildog fashion for a while yet he can ultimately get Richmond "There is no terror, Cassius, in your intents, for a while yet he can ultimately get Richmon for I am armed so strong in honesty that they without so much sacrifice of life and property. President Jefferson Davis has appointed November 16 as a day of fasting and prayer and worship throughout the Confederacy, and calls upon all the people at home and in the camps and the fields to observe it as such.

with the allies in extent of territory and in population.

S. T. HOWE.

The combined total area of German and Austrian possessions is about 1,500,000 square miles, and the population about 131,000,000. The combined total area of the territory of the allies is about 27,000,000 square miles, and the population, about 774,000,000.

## Was the present Constitution of Virginia

submitted to the people for ratification? there any pledge that it would be so submitted? There was most explicit pledge that it would be submitted to the people. This was not done.

Please show me how to solve this problem. What is the sum of the largest four numbers

The whole performance is a type of what it ought to have been criminal to do.—Newark News.

The British seizures of American Ships are unquestionably American Shipping annoying, but there is no occasion for our flying into a rage about it. If there is no justification in international law for their seizure, they will all be released, as one of them has already been. More than that, we need have no fear that our government will not make it exceedingly clear to the British government that unwarranted interference with our commerce must not continue, and that British war vessels must be a little more

What is the sum of the largest four numbers composed of the figures 3, 0, 7, 8? The answer given is 32,066.

SCHOOLBOY.

The largest numbers are made by placing the largest digits as far to the left as possible. Hence 8,730, 8,703, 7,803 are the four numbers.

Church Clerks.

For a reason of importance, I wish to learn the names of the clerks of the more important Baptist churches in Richmond in 1868. Can you inform me?

T. M. JOHNSON.

Murray: Grace Street, O. D. Browne: Leigh Street, S. C. Clopton; Belvidere, Charles T. Watkins.

# HE KNEW WHERE TO LOOK!

ONE OF THE DAY'S BEST CARTOONS



Mayor Mitchel of New York gave a \$5,000-a-year job to a man he secured through a "help wanted" ad.—News Item.

### URUGUAY, ITS TRADE AND FINANCE

By Jose Richling, Consul General at Large and Commercial Agent of the Government of Uruguay.

concentration of commerce and mance within the geographical and maritime borders of the American continent.

A considerable portion of the European-South American trade should be diverted to the channels of North-important amount of the enable product.

Control American commercial interdiverted to the channels of North-South American commercial inter-change. The sincerity of the business men of the United States who nave announced themselves in former oppor-tunities and in the present one as out for South American trade are now put to a severe test. In my opinion, they will succeed by the adoption of the only possible means of success, or will fail by the failure of adopting these means. These are the extension of credit to which Europe has rightly and deservedly accustomed the South American countries—which credit has already become a second nature to their trade system-and the limitation

tion facilities have been improved and the world trade in this product normalized, the United States will buy from Uruguay a minimum of \$10,000,000 is now running.

Uruguay has 26,000,000 sheep, which ield from 140,000,000 to 160,000,000 pounds of wool yearly. Practically the whole production of Uruguay is ex-ported, as there are no milis in the country which would manufacture the

The present complications in Continental Europe will permit an import-ant amount of the wool crop of Uru-guay to be exported to the United States at convenient prices for American mills. The extraordinary opportunity to acquire a good foothold in Uruguay, which is offered to-day to American importers of wool should not be neglected. The best results will be obtained by sending responsible representatives to Montevideo. The time lost and the expenses incurred will be easily offset by the great benefits derived from the trip. States at convenient prices for Ameri-Church Clerks,

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First, John C. Williams; Second, John M. Murray; Grace Street, O. D. Browne; Leigh Street, S. C. Clerks, D. D. Browne; Leigh Street, D. D. Brown wool during the fiscal year 1918-14. At the same time Uruguay is a heavy buyer of woolen manufactured goods.

The commercial and financial issues, If the American mills would acquire of the present complications in Europe will be, or ought to be, a larger
concentration of commerce and finance
ducts, they have a good chance to sell

product, converted into leather, boots, trunks, bags, etc.

### More Than 60,000 Women Discharged

[Correspondence of Associated Press.] LONDON, October 15 .- The economic results of war have fallen heavily on to the women wage-earners of London ion of whom over 60,000 have been distheir trade system—and the limitation of whom over 60,000 have been discording to the North American manufacturers and financiers to the possible lowest expression in their initial transactions. to close down because their supply o

## President Aids Irvine

MARION, VA., October 26.—Dr. J. D. Buchanan, of this place, chairman of the Democratic District Committee, has received from President Wilson received from President Wilson a letter, voluntarily written, urging the election of R. Tate Irvine to Congress from this district. It is believed, owing to the tremendous popularity of the President and his policies in the district, that this letter will increase Democratic enthusiasm, and render Irvine's election.

"Sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON,

"Dr. J. D. Buchanan, "Marlon, Va,"